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Containing Same

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2000, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4, line 2, replace "fibers" with --fiber bundles--.

Claim 6, line 1, replace "wherein includes" with --comprising--.

Claim 7, line 2 replace "of" with -- and --.

Claim 16, line 2, insert --the-- between "with" and "nonwoven".